

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTHER
"KITTY" BUHLER BRADLEY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Mrs. Esther "Kitty" Buhler Bradley, widow of General Omar N. Bradley, the last five-star general of the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Bradley was born in New York City and graduated from Manhattan Business College. In the late 1940s, she took a U.S. Government job in Japan and also began freelance writing for the military newspaper Stars & Stripes and the news service United Press. While on an assignment for the United Press in Okinawa, she first met General Bradley. She soon developed a close relationship with General Bradley and secured the rights to his life story, which she hoped to turn into a motion picture.

Upon returning to the United States in the 1950s, Mrs. Bradley found work as a film and television writer under the name Kitty Buhler. Some of her most notable projects were the 1958 Victor Mature film, "China Doll," and two television production series, "The 20th Century Fox Hour" and "My Three Sons."

In 1966, following the death of General Bradley's first wife, Mrs. Bradley and General Bradley were reunited, then married in San Diego.

Although Mrs. Bradley never realized her dream of taking her husband's life story to the big screen, parts of General Bradley's career were chronicled in the 1970 "Patton," starring George C. Scott as General George Patton and Karl Malden as General Bradley. The couple worked closely together, assisting in the making of the film.

For nearly 15 years, the Bradleys lived happily together. Mrs. Bradley not only was a loving wife to the highly respected and admired five-star general but also a successful freelance writer and screenwriter in her own right.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to pay tribute to the life and work of Mrs. Bradley and express my deepest condolences to all who knew and loved her.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING
CRUSADERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that the Helias High School Marching Crusaders from Jefferson City, Missouri, have earned first place honors in the SBC/Cotton Bowl's band competition.

Under the direction of Ray Cardwell, the students placed first for middle-sized schools in the field competition, parade and jazz band categories.

Mr. Speaker, the Helias High School Marching Crusaders represented their school and their State with honor and distinction. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating them on their fine performance.

TRIBUTE TO BROWNIE TROOP 139
OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the girls of Brownie Troop 139 of South Haven, Michigan, who have over the last few months sent numerous care packages to our troops serving in Iraq. These young ladies have shown remarkable dedication and devotion to our troops, and I am confident that this great project has been received with gratitude and appreciation from those overseas.

Since the troop began their project, they have collected more than \$1,200 worth of items totaling 345 pounds. Some of the items these generous girls have sent include granola bars, playing cards, batteries, hand lotion, boot laces, and of course Girl Scout cookies. Over the holidays, the girls put together special packages to give our troops a sense of home.

Brownie Troop 139 is comprised of Jeanne Lyon, leader of Troop 139; Marilyn Shaefer, co-leader; Stephanie Balke; Maggie Filbrandt; Jessica Overholser; Hannah Lyon; Shelby Murphy; Erin Cooper; and Lauren Montgomery. The magnificent work this troop has done to encourage morale and give support to our troops has been inspiring. It greatly pleases me to honor the great charity these girls have done, and I find their patriotism and selflessness to be deeply moving.

PROTESTING THE U.N. GENERAL
ASSEMBLY'S DECISION TO RULE
ON THE LEGALITY OF ISRAEL'S
SECURITY FENCE

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest the U.N. General Assembly's decision to rule on the legality of Israel's security fence.

I have just recently returned from Israel, where I had the opportunity to see firsthand the issues surrounding the security fence. Simply stated, Mr. Speaker, the purpose behind this temporary fence is to protect the Israeli people from suicide bombers and terrorists in a region marked by violence and instability.

However, the issue here today is not the lawfulness of Israel's security fence. It is the appropriateness of bringing such a complicated and political issue before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in an unbalanced manner.

I am encouraged by the administration's support for Israel before the court and agree that such proceedings could undermine the negotiations already under way between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. I encourage Congress to join the administration in sending a strong message to the U.N. opposing this anti-Israel decision.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BYRON SPENCER PETERSEN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Matt and Wendy Petersen are celebrating the birth of their son, Byron Spencer Petersen; and

Whereas, Byron Spencer was born on the 16th day of February, 2004, and weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces; and

Whereas, the Petersens have all occasion to celebrate with friends and family as they welcome Byron Spencer into their family;

Therefore, I join with the Members of Congress and their staff in congratulating Matt and Wendy Petersen and wishing Byron Spencer a very happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING JEAN E. SAWITZKY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jean E. Sawitzky. Jean will have completed 38 years of loyal and productive work for the United States Postal Service on February 29, 2004.

Jean Sawitzky began her outstanding career at the West Sacramento post office soon after graduating from high school. She worked her way up through the administrative ranks and has served as the Postmaster for Courtland and Clarksburg, California. In addition to running an efficient office, Jean's smile and superior customer service have marked her tenure. She will be missed.

Jean has also been a very active member of the West Sacramento and Delta communities, serving as a member and leader of numerous civic, church and community-service organizations.

In recent years she has become widely known for the quality and originality of her handmade quilts, and has been honored at the Yolo County and California State Fairs. Jean now teaches this craft to others in northern California.

We are confident that in her retirement years, Jean will find more time to invest in community service and her artistic endeavors. I want to thank Jean for her years of excellent service and wish her well in the active retirement years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Jean E. Sawitzky for her contributions to her community and her service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SUE HOLMAN AND
SUSAN WEEKS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary women who have jointly been named the city